

WARDEN MESSAGE
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AS A PUBLIC SERVICE TO AMERICAN CITIZENS IN THE PHILIPPINES.
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ORGANIZATION OR NEIGHBORHOOD. THANK YOU.*

New Cell Phone Policy for Visa Applicants

For safety and security reasons, immigrant and nonimmigrant visa applicants are no longer permitted to bring cell phones or any other electronic devices, i.e., PDA, laptops, MP3 players, etc., onto U.S. Embassy grounds. Effective March 1, 2007, visa applicants with these devices will be denied entry.

Additionally, no storage facility will be provided for them. Applicants who miss their visa appointment because of this new policy must reschedule through normal procedures.

Please note that this policy does not apply to our many other visitors going to the Chancery, American Citizen Services, Veterans Affairs, or Social Security areas, and the current policy of checking and storing cell phones at the door will remain in place for them.

This new policy only applies to our immigrant and nonimmigrant visa applicants.